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## 2019 Legislative Priorities - Department of Corrections Proposed Legislation

## CONCEPT

Transfer the responsibility of supervision of youth paroled from a state youth correctional facility to the Youth Court

Revise IWF statutes to allow Pine Hills and Riverside contributions and expenditures

Provide exceptions to mandatory inmate savings

## **PURPOSE**

This bill would revise Title 41, Chapter 5 to include the responsibility of supervision of youth paroled from a secure placement under the jurisdiction of the DOC and remove the existing responsibility from the DOC within Title 52, Chapter 5, Part 1.

Currently, all state prisons, as defined in 53-30-101, receive benefits from the inmate welfare fund; however, the individuals housed at Pine Hills and Riverside have not received equivalent opportunity.

Inmates are required to save for release from prison in accordance with 53-1-107; however, some individuals should be exempt based upon parole ineligibility. Inmates serving life sentences without the possibility of parole or sentences whereby they become parole eligible after the age of eighty or those who do not have parole eligibility, but have a discharge date after the age of eighty should not be subject to the savings requirement.